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1. IN NEAR CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF ABILITY OF SOVIET PRESS TO
RESTRUCTURE FACTS TO SAVE FACE AND MEET POLITICAL OBJECTIVES,
TASS REPORTING ON EEC-CEMA MEETING IN MOSCOW--AN INCONCLUSIVE
IMBROGLIO ACCORDING TO EEC PARTICIPANTS--DESCRIBES IT AS
USEFUL SESSION IN WHICH WORKING CONTACTS WERE ESTABLISHED.

2. BRIEF THREE-PARAGRAPH ARTICLE IN IZVESTIYA FEB 8
STATES THAT MEETING OF OFFICIALS OF EEC AND CEMA TOOK
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PLACE IN MOSCOW FEB 4 THROUGH 6 AS RESULT OF AGREEMENT

RECENTLY REACHED BETWEEN CEMA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FADEYEV AND CHAIRMAN OF EC COMMISSION ORTOLI. "PROGRESS WAS ACHIEVED IN PREPARATIONS FOR PROPOSED MEETING OF LEADERS OF TWO ORGANIZATIONS (ORTOLI AND FADEYEV), AND THERE WAS ALSO AN EXCHANGE OF GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE BASIC ASPECTS OF THE ACTIVITIES OF CEMA AND THE EEC IN A NUMBER OF AREAS." ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH STATEMENT THAT "WORK IN HIS DIRECTION WILL BE CONTINUED."

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY INTERPRETS THIS AS MEANING THAT GROUP OF CEMA TECHNICIANS MAY SOON BE HEADING FOR BRUSSELS TO CONTINUE WHAT MAY BE A SERIES OF PROLONGED NEGOTIATIONS. FOR SOVIETS, OF COURSE, VERY FACT THAT CEMA-EEC DIALOGUE IS TAKING PLACE IS ASSET IN CAMPAIGN TO BUILD CEMA IMAGE.
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